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Diane Allemang Registrant Representative Jellinek, Schwartz & Connolly, Inc. 1525 Wilson Boulevard Suite 600 Arlington, VA 22209

Re: EPA response to Cheminova's "Comments on EPA's Draft Reregistration Eligibility Decision Chapters for Ethyl Parathion"

Dear Ms. Allemang:

Thank you for your 30-day error correction review of the draft reregistration eligibility decision chapters for ethyl parathion dated December 4, 1998 (MRID 4470901-01). Attached, please find the Health Effects Division response (dated 1/12/99) and the Environmental Fate and Effects Division response (dated 1/8/99) to the Cheminova comments. These documents will accompany the dietary and occupational preliminary risk assessments and the environmental fate and effects preliminary risk assessments for the public comment period which opens January 15, 1999.

Many of the comments submitted concern issues and/or Agency policy that will be resolved in the 90-day period following the public comment period. For example, the Agency at this time acknowledges that there may overestimation of usage of ethyl parathion, and will revise usage estimates in the 90-day period following the public comment period.

Again, thanks for your timely review. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (703)308-8173.

Sincerely,

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